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WILKINS CHILD KILLED AT STONY

Is Choked to Death When
Motorcycle Falls Over
and Strikes Neck

The following account of the tragic death of Wilbert Wilkins, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Wilkins, living near Stony, is taken from the Denton Record-Chronicle: More detailed accounts of the death of Wilbert Wilkins, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory S. Wilkins of near Stony, are that the child was choked to death and was not thrown from the motorcycle, as was first reported here. The motorcycle had been left standing beside the road and the little boy in some way pulled it over upon himself. When members of the family found him life was already extinct. He was lying upon his back with the rubber part of the motorcycle handle bars pressed across his throat. A physician was summoned from Stony, but he could do nothing for the child. The physician pronounced death due from choking.

Charles Skiles was here from the Wilkins place Monday afternoon late with John McSpadden and stated that he believed from the position in which the boy was lying and the position of the machine that the child had attempted to climb upon the motorcycle and had overturned it in that way. There were no marks upon the child's body except a discolored place on the throat where the handle bar had bruised it and had rested.

DECATUR CITIZEN GETS SENTENCE

Judge Meek in the Federal
Court Gives Mr. Brown
A Term in Prison

Judge Meek of the United States court in Fort Worth Wednesday afternoon sentenced E. T. Brown of Decatur to serve one year and one day in the Leavenworth, Kan., prison, on conviction of pursuing the occupation of selling intoxicating liquor in prohibition territory. Mr. Brown pleaded guilty to the charge and asked mercy at the court's hands. This case has attracted considerable interest in this town and community, where Mr. Brown has lived a number of years. He has a large circle of friends here, and for a number of years he was a prominent dealer in fine stock. While operating the Brown hotel on South State street he was arrested for selling whiskey, two Fort Worth detectives appearing against him. The Fort Worth officers had been summoned by a number of Decatur citizens to assist Sheriff Lee Mann in stamping out a season of boot-legging that was alarming; a condition was coming about that local officers could not cope with. Drunkenness was on the increase and it seemed that an organization of bootleggers was entrenched here, and every move of the local officers was "tipped" off by pluggers and "scouts" for the whiskey peddlers.

The detectives, strangers, arrived in town one fine morning in the closing days of last spring and stopped at the Brown house. They were affable fellows and splendid agents for a crockery and tinware house. They secured a number of orders for their wares, and they secured proof that the hotel proprietor was violating the local option law. They bought some whiskey from him, they swore, and indictments followed. In the same net Grant Eilers, a well known character of Rhame was caught.

As stated, Mr. Brown pleaded guilty, and while the sentence was stayed a petition, signed by some of the county's most prominent and influential farmers, merchants, bankers and professional men, asking leniency for Mr. Brown, was presented to the court. This petition is said to have been one of the longest ever gotten up in this town; the signers of it believed that Mr. Brown, heretofore bearing a good reputation, a man almost 60 years of age, with a family, would return to the paths of good citizenship—and they solicited Judge Meek to extend mercy.

Wednesday afternoon Mr. Brown was called before Judge Meek. When the judge asked Mr. Brown if he hadn't sold whiskey to a number of parties, he replied that he had sold it to one man, making the one sale. The judge, it is said, was surprised at the reply, and he told Mr. Brown that he had hoped he would come to the court and make acknowledgements that would allow of leniency being extended. After a little talk by the judge, again Mr. Brown denied making but the one sale. "I have investigated your case thoroughly, Mr. Brown, and I know you have been engaged in the business," said the judge, "and you deny it. Then I sentence you to prison for one year and one day and to pay a fine of one hundred dollars," concluded the court.

Another man, charged with selling liquor in Oklahoma on three separate occasions, was fined \$100 and discharged. This fellow told Judge Meek he was guilty of all the charges, and promised to mend his ways.

The Christian Church

Friends and members are especially invited to attend both services. B. F. Hall will fill the pulpit at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school 10 a. m.

Big feature film at the Majestic to-night. Don't miss it!

judgement for \$1,483.75. The bonding company in turn had Mr. Hudson indicted on a charge of swindling.

BEAUCHAMP WILL IS ATTACKED IN COURT

One of the big cases in the district court this week was the one in which the will of the late Mrs. Caroline Beauchamp was attacked by Mrs. Rowell and two daughters. The girls are the daughters of Dr. Finis Beauchamp, who was killed in Lawton, Okla., years ago, the result of the most thrilling event in the history of that section. Mrs. Rowell was the widow of Dr. Beauchamp when she married the gentleman whose name she bears. The suit was brought to set aside the will of the mother of Dr. Beauchamp, alleging that undue influence was responsible for her not naming him as one of the heirs. The girls claim they should receive their father's share of the estate. Before her marriage to Dr. Beauchamp, the present Mrs. Rowell was Miss Dollie Norvell of Aurora, recognized as one of the most beautiful and brilliant young ladies in that section of the county. Dr. Beauchamp was a promising young physician and a member of one of the fine old families of the Aurora community. After the marriage the couple went to Oklahoma, locating in a thriving town. Dr. Beauchamp prospered and at the time of his tragic death he was very prominent in his profession. Mrs. Rowell retains much of her girlhood's good looks and her daughters, Misses Beauchamp, are attractive and interesting. The jury said the will should stand.

SERIOUS CHARGE IS UP AGAINST HUDSON

J. W. Hudson, formerly a citizen of this place and prominent as a miller, but for the past year or more living at Sherman, was arrested Monday by Sheriff Lee Mann and lodged in jail. Mr. Hudson stands charged with swindling in connection with his guardianship for the sisters of his wife who died here several years ago. A bonding company in New York which was surety for Hudson when he was the guardian, instituted the proceedings. In a case of Mrs. Eva Taylor and sister against Mr. Hudson and the bonding company a verdict was returned giving the sisters a

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New Preachers To Come Here

Rev. Lenhoff to Bonham; Rev. Riddle to Farmersville

Bonham, Texas, Dec. 6.—The North Texas conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, finished its work and adjourned today after a prosperous session. The following statistics are taken from the report made by F. A. Crutchfield and J. W. Slagle, the statistical secretaries:

Church members, 73,981, net increase, 6,296; Epworth League members 5,696; Sunday school pupils 57,581; collections for education \$13,165; conference claimants 9,162; foreign missions, \$10,979; domestic missions \$10,694; for presiding elders \$28,636; pastors in charge \$168,792; total value of churches \$1,996,441; value of parsonages \$345,371. In the Dallas district there are 8,763 members, an increase during the year of 1,149. In the conference there are 186 pastoral charges and 187 parsonages.

Before adjournment resolutions were passed thanking the people of Bonham and the press for courtesies.

This morning the conference reconsidered its action on Saturday on the report of the board of education and made an assessment of \$1,000 for the Texas Woman's college at Fort Worth. The assessment for the North Texas Female college was reduced from \$2,500 to \$2,000.

Following are the appointments:

Decatur District
W. A. Stuckey, Presiding elder, Alvord station, F. M. Richardson; Argyle and Ponder, J. T. Bladworth; Bryson and Jermyn, J. L. Sullivan; Boyd circuit, J. D. Hudgins; Bridgeport station, H. B. Johnson; Chico mission, E. P. Brown; Crafton mission, A. D. Sterling; Decatur station, R. B. Moreland; Decatur circuit, J. E. Short; Greenwood mission, W. W. Barnett; Roanoke and Justin, W. H. Vernon; Jacksboro station, R. N. Huckabee; Krum and Slidell, J. R. Atchley; Mount Zion and Shiloh, to be supplied; Paradise mission, E. M. Jones; Perrin and Barton, W. J. Wilson; Post Oak mission, E. A. Drew; Sunset circuit, S. M. Ownby; Vineyard mission, C. M. Clark.

Gainesville District
D. K. Porter, presiding elder, Aubrey circuit, H. C. Hand; Bonita mission, J. E. Henderson, supply; Denton station, J. L. Pierce; Dexter mission, E. L. Harris; Era and Spring Creek, J. D. Whitehead; Gainesville, Denton Street, C. C. Young; Whaley Memorial, T. J. Beckham; Montague mission, to be supplied; Marysville circuit, M. A. Stout; Myra and Hood, J. W. Slagle; Rosston mission, T. E. Cannon; Pilot Point circuit, M. C. Sooter; Sanger station, O. E. Moreland; Spanish Fort circuit, R. A. Oaks, supply; St. Jo mission, M. C. Little; Valley View station, L. A. Burke; Woodvine circuit, W. H. Vail; Lewisville station, N. R. Stone.

Wichita Falls District
J. Sam Barcus, presiding elder, Archer City, I. S. Ashburn; Bellevue station, R. B. Curry; Blue Grove circuit, L. F. Tannery; Bowie station, W. L. Tittle; Ringgold circuit, M. R. T. Davis; Byers circuit, G. B. Carter; Burk Burnett station, C. B. Golson; Dundee mission, A. O. Hood; Electra station, L. E. Conklin; Electra mission, Gilbert Irkin; Henrietta station, F. A. Crutchfield; Iowa Park station, P. E. Warren; Megargel mission, H. M. Corby; Petrolia circuit, W. D. Sauts; Vashti mission, A. A. Wall; Wichita Falls station, A. L. Andrews; Wichita mission, W. P. Hines; conference secretary of education, J. Sam Barcus.

Bapham station, G. A. Lenhoff; Christohm circuit, G. W. Whistler; Crandall circuit, T. M. Kirk; Trinity Church, Sherman, L. D. Shawver; Whitewright station, A. R. Nash; Mt. Vernon station, C. N. Oliver; Farmersville station, S. C. Riddle; Plano station, T. N. Weeks; Centenary church, Paris, M. L. Hamilton; Roxton, C. K. Isbell; Wesley church, Greenville, T. H. Morris; Leonard station, J. M. Sweeten; Petty circuit, J. R. Wages; Supernumerary, O. S. Thomas.

Don't fail to visit the Y. W. A. bazaar booth at Lillard's hardware store Dec. 10 and 11.

Buy that fall and winter suit now, while you can get the extra pant free. Smith & Hardwick.

Wise County Baptist Workers' Conference

The Workers' Conference of the Wise County Baptist association meets with the Bridgeport Baptist church Dec. 13, 7 p. m.

MONDAY
7 p. m., Sermon, Rev. R. J. Thompson.

TUESDAY
9:30 a. m.—Reports from all the churches, by the Messengers. These reports are to include present conditions and the plans for the future.

11 a. m.—Sermon, Rev. J. A. Matthews.

12 Sandwich lunch.
1:30 p. m. General discussion of Buckner's Orphan Home, led by Rev. Harlan J. Matthews.

2 p. m. "Ways and Means of Bringing About Greater Efficiency in Our Church and Associational Work," led by Rev. W. C. McClung.

At the last meeting of the County Mission Board it was unanimously agreed that we project a monthly Workers' Conference. It is our desire that at these meetings we have a general discussion of our problems, and that we enjoy a mutual interchange of opinion as to the solution of the same.

We earnestly desire that each church be well represented and also that the pastors, deacons and women workers of all the churches work and pray to the end that these meetings may be a spiritual uplift to all the churches.

Educational Rally at Boyd Dec. 18

The trustees, teachers and patrons are urged to be present at the educational rally at Boyd Saturday, December 18. The program follows:

10 a. m. Music. Address, Rev. Harlan J. Matthews.

11 a. m. "Where and How Teachers May Secure Free Agricultural Bulletins," L. A. Wilson.

11:15 Music. Address, W. R. Bradford.

11:35 "Some Practical Points for Teachers, Pupils and Parents," Dr. L. H. Reeves of Decatur.

12 Noon.

1 p. m. "Professional Ethics Among Teachers," L. C. Edwards.

Music.

1:30 Address, Supt. H. W. Barton.

2 p. m. Address, Supt. M. H. Moor of Fort Worth.

Examination for Rural Carriers

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the County of Wise, Texas, to be held at Fort Worth and Bowie on January 8, 1916, to fill the position of rural carrier at Decatur, and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other post offices in the above mentioned county. The examination will be open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the offices mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the Commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date.

Nature's Warning

Decatur People Must Recognize and Heed It.

Kidney ills come mysteriously. But nature generally warns you. Notice the kidney secretions. See if the color is unhealthy—If there are settlements and sediment, Passages frequent, scanty, painful. It's time to fear serious kidney trouble.

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Good pictures at Majestic tonight.

H. P. O'Shields Killed Saturday

Fell From a Loaded Wagon and Body Is Crushed

H. P. O'Shields, one of the most prominent citizens of the Grub Hill community, north of Paradise, fell from his wagon about 9 o'clock Saturday morning and sustained injuries from which he died that night. Mr. O'Shields was on a load of wood and as his wagon was crossing a ditch he lost his balance and fell in front of the wagon, one wheel running over his chest. After receiving the injury the man walked about 165 yards to his house. Physicians were summoned from Paradise who did all they could to save the old gentleman's life, but their efforts were in vain, and he passed away at 7:30 Saturday evening. Mr. O'Shields was 68 years of age, and came to this country from Arkansas about seventeen years ago. He was a man who was popular with neighbors and numbered his friends by the scores. He was prominently identified with Methodist church work and in recognition of his splendid efforts for the upbuilding of his church a structure known as the O'Shields Chapel was named for him. He was a brother of Mrs. J. B. Hunt on route 2.

Made Over Again

Mrs. Jennie Miner, Davidson, Ind., writes: "I can truthfully say Foley Cathartic Tablets are the best I ever used. They are so mild in action. I feel like I had been made over again." They keep stomach sweet, liver active and bowels regular. They banish constipation, indigestion, biliousness, sick headache, Hill Drug Co.

Notice of Bank Dissolution.

A meeting of the stockholders of the First State bank of Paradise, Texas, is hereby called for the purpose of voting upon the proposition to close the business of the above named bank and to surrender its corporate franchise in conformity with the provisions of Section 77, Acts First Called Session Twenty-ninth Legislature, 1905, Revised Civil Statutes 1911, Article 561, said meeting to be held at Paradise, Texas, on the 15 day of December, 1915.

J. H. Golaz, Director.
O. L. Hartsell, Director.
C. W. Pearson, Director.
Guinn Williams, Director.

Dec. 17 Will Be Clean-up Day for County Schools

Friday afternoon, December 17, will be clean-up day for the schools of the county. Every teacher in the common school districts of the county will set aside that afternoon in cleaning off the school grounds and the building. If there are window lights out put these in, put shades over the windows, wash the windows, clean the floors, nail down the desk, clean the blackboard removing the dust, disinfect the building, burn the weeds and grassburs off the grounds, burn all loose paper scattered about, hang classic pictures on the walls, and I suggest that you take up a collection among the students to purchase an American flag which you may raise on that afternoon. Use all means at hand to clean and beautify your school site. Ask all the patrons of your community to assist you and they will gladly do so.

Send every patron an invitation by the children to come and assist during the afternoon. This undertaking will not be a success unless they do come. At night render a program or give a box supper which will enable you to raise funds for equipment which is needed very badly in most of the rural schools. I trust that every teacher and patron will co-operate in making this undertaking a success.

Sincerely,
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2 cans Layton's Health Club 25 oz. BP	25c	14 lbs. Fancy Dried Peaches.....	\$1.00
Farmer Jones Sorghum.....	50c	10 lbs. Four Crown Raisins.....	\$1.00
5 Packages Arbuckle Coffee.....	\$1.00	10 lbs. Fancy California Apples.....	\$1.00
6 lbs. Peaberry Coffee.....	\$1.00	5 gal. Bett Sunburst Oil.....	50c
9 lbs. Rio Coffee.....	\$1.00	12 cans Empson Hominy.....	50c
Best Keg Kraut.....	95c	3 Boxes Matches.....	10c
Best Keg Pickles.....	95c		

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Epworth League Program

Subject: "Africa Rally Day."
Leaders, Gilbert Taylor and May Hoyt.
"Why do we have Africa Rally Day?" by leader.
"Africa's greatest need—Christ," May Belle Pirtle.
Solo, Gertrude Allison.
"The founding of our Congo mission," Outler Gose.
Briefs from Wembo-Niama, by five members.
"What the Presbyterians are doing at Luebo," Nancy Wall.
"A Sunday service in the Congo," Audrey Worley.
"Creating a written language," Ethel Renshaw.
"The story of Mandala," Elbertine Williams.
"How we can help," May Hoyt.

Ugh! Calomel Makes You Deathly Sick

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Here's my guarantee! Ask your druggist for a fifty cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone and take a spoonful tonight. It doesn't start your liver and straighten you right up better than calomel and without griping or making you sick I want you to go back to the store and get your money.

Take calomel today and tomorrow you will feel weak and sick and nauseated. Don't lose a day's work. Take a spoonful of harmless, vegetable Dodson's Liver Tone tonight and wake up feeling great. It's perfectly harmless, so give it to your children any time. It can't salivate, so let them eat anything afterward.

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A WORD FOR MOTHERS

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NORTH BOUND	SOUTH BOUND
Arrive at Decatur	
No. 3, 11:07 a.m.	No. 8, 5:06 a.m.
No. 7, 12:45 a.m.	No. 4, 5:12 p.m.
Leave — Ft. Worth — Arrive	
No. 3, 9:30 a.m.	No. 8, 6:45 a.m.
No. 7, 11:05 p.m.	No. 4, 6:45 p.m.
Amarillo	
No. 3, 11:15 p.m.	No. 8, 5:50 p.m.
No. 7, 6:00 p.m.	No. 4, 5:45 a.m.
Leave — Denver — Leave	
No. 7, 7:00 a.m.	No. 8, 11:30 p.m.

Local News

LIGHT CRUST.

Donate a book to the Scout library.
John Gunn is quite ill with typhoid fever.
Sam McGaughey went to Ft. Worth Tuesday.
Henry Ward was in Boyd this week.
E. Riley of Jacksboro, has been here this week.
Collins Grocery Co. wants your pecans.
C. E. Martin was in Fort Worth Wednesday.
Mrs. M. W. Burch visited Fort Worth Wednesday.
Collins Grocery Co. wants your pecans.
Will Helm spent several days in Dallas.
M. H. Belew was in Jack county several days.
Dewey Ellis was here from Avonale Sunday.
Ellis Troxell was here from Rhome Wednesday.
Mrs. M. M. Shaw leaves this week for San Antonio to reside.
25c round trip by Decatur Livery & Auto Co.
T. B. Kellow of Hereford, was here prospecting this week.
Miss Esther Heath was here this week from Newark.
Mrs. Roy Gililand has been visiting in Fort Worth.
Will Reynolds and family were in Fort Worth this week.
Mrs. T. L. Ball is visiting relatives in Fort Worth and Dallas.
Mrs. D. F. Davis of Wichita Falls, has been visiting friends here.
Collins Grocery Co. wants your pecans.
M. W. Badger and wife have returned from a stay at Halsell.
Porter Gililand of East Texas, is here for a stay with his parents.
R. H. Nail and Yater Bone of Bridgeport, were callers this week.
Ewing Shanks and J. F. Thurmond have been here from Rhome.
K. Stephens of Stamford, has been the guest of his brother, L. Stephens.
Uncle Bill Brown of Wellington, has been the guest of relatives here.
Mrs. A. J. Mann and daughter, Miss Burch, have been in Ft. Worth.
Mrs. Mark Oates of Rhome, has been visiting the family of H. L. Ward.
Pierce Younger of Park Springs, was here this week and called on the Messenger.
GOOD SURREY — Splendid condition, cheap. Call and see it at Beville's stable, West Main street, Decatur.
Ed Ward and wife of Deep Creek, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boyd.
County Treasurer Crockett Alexander has moved to the Davis farm southwest of town.
Barney Shoemaker and Sam Faith were Fort Worth visitors first of the week.
Jim Gililand of Tipton, Okla., has been here this week visiting his father.
The grand jury adjourned last Friday, will meet again Dec. 28 to complete the work.
Try those fresh chocolates and fine candies at the San la Roy.
Mrs. S. P. Smith has returned from a several months' stay in Denver, Colo., and Amarillo.
Miss Ellen Kendall and Miss Beulah Dwyer visited relatives in Fort Worth Saturday-Sunday.
The Wise County Medical society met in Decatur Tuesday and an interesting program was carried out.
A slight rain fell over this section Monday. The wheat crop was much benefitted by the moisture.
The best gas heater on the market is found at Ball-Christian Furniture store.
Time to put away your plants and bulbs. We have nice bulb jars for 15c, or 2 for 25c. Ball-Christian.
A quantity of heavy paper, just the thing for use under carpets, matting, etc., for sale cheap at this office.

Mrs. J. V. Patterson was here from the Greenwood country Sunday, visiting the family of Judge and Mrs. J. W. Patterson.

Doc Cartwright spent several days of last week in Waco. On his way home he stopped several minutes in Alvarado.

Brandon Trussell this week has been visiting State university, Rice Institute, A. & M. college and Baylor university.

The Decatur News has this week installed a No. 14 linotype to take the place of the junior linotype the paper has used several years.

Frank Moore returned Tuesday from McKinney, where he visited his daughter, Miss Sicily, who is under treatment of a specialist. Miss Moore is rapidly recovering.

The Eastern Star lodge held a very interesting session Tuesday night, initiating several candidates. Delicious refreshments were served to a large crowd.

Misses Inez Ewing and Audrey Young of Joe Baily, and Nellie Wall of Deep Creek, have been the guests of Miss Ruth Ashlock.

Rev. G. F. Boyd will preach at Shiloh church Sunday morning. Rev. Boyd has been assigned to supply the Shiloh and Mount Zion Methodist churches.

There will be the regular services at the Methodist church Sunday. Provided Rev. Moreland has not arrived, Rev. Lehnhoff will preach at both services.

Free, with each suit, or coat and pants, we will give an extra pair of same goods or a \$5 rain coat. Call and let us explain how. Smith & Hardwick.

Revs. J. L. Ward, H. D. Heath, W. L. Ayers and Harlan J. Matthews have been in attendance upon the meeting of the state mission board of the Baptist convention at Dallas this week.

G. H. Fletcher of Slidell, was in the city this week. He was an appreciated caller at the Messenger office. Mr. Fletcher has been a subscriber of the Messenger for more than a quarter of a century.

The airdome, erected several months ago by Messrs. Bunnell and Ray, for the purpose of revolutionizing the picture show business in Decatur, was wrecked this week by carpenters and work on a modern dwelling on the lot will start in a short time.

Invitations have been issued to the Totten-Ranson wedding, which is to take place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ranson, "Cedar Valley Farm," December 26, when Miss LaRue becomes the wife of Mr. Jess M. Totten of Sherman.

Mrs. Brock Roack and the family of Rev. G. F. Boyd were made very sick Monday evening as a result of ptomaine poisoning, caused from eating hogs-head cheese which had stood in a zinc vessel. Henry Mason was also a victim. Medical attention brought relief to all, but the escape was a close one.

The Boy Scouts have received over fifty books for their new library during the past week. Everyone is invited to donate at least one good book or set of books to the Scouts as they are anxious to have a large collection of good books for winter reading.

On Thursday of last week the students of the high school organized a glee club with about fifty members. W. H. Galloway is director and manager and Miss Mary Risinger is pianist. The club has splendid talent, and public will expect some splendid singing from the organization.

The ladies of the Christian Church announce that they will hold their Christmas bazaar on December 22 and 23 at the Lillard hardware store, and ask the patronage of the people. These good ladies are making extra efforts to have articles that will appeal to the buying public. You are welcome; go and see the splendid display.

Leave your laundry with us, or phone us. We will call for and deliver packages anywhere in town. Smith & Hardwick.

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Vesta Heath and Mr. George Ellsworth Halliday. The Messenger acknowledges receipt of an invitation to be present at the wedding reception on Thursday evening, December 23, from eight until nine o'clock at the Heath home in Southwest Decatur.

Rev. G. B. Carter and family leave this week for Byers, their new home. Bro. Carter was one of the most popular preachers Decatur circuit has ever had, and his stay has been profitable for his churches. His many friends here have none but good wishes for him and his good wife.

Tom Ball has been trading some the past few days. For about three days he was a merchant of Bardwell, having traded his farm north of town to L. R. Holland for a stock of goods. This week Tom traded the stock of goods to Messrs. Alderson. Stroud for his old home place in northeast Decatur and the Sikes west of town.

Are You Going To Build?

If So Figure With Us For a Saving!

Cicero Smith Lumber Co

Pioneer lumber dealers of Decatur invite you to call and inspect their large and extensive lines of Lumber, Building Material, Sash, Doors, Lime, Cement, and everything to be found in a well stocked yard.

The Prices and terms are in keeping with the times; service and treatment the best.

Cicero Smith Lumber Co

DECATUR, TEXAS

CLASSIFIED ADS

Five Cents per line per week

FOR RENT—Oct. 1, 3 nice rooms on South Trinity street. MISS SALLIE SMITH.

Lost

LOST—a buggy lamp rug Sunday in Decatur. Reward for return to G. F. BOYD in the Land Office.

LOST—Pair of gold spectacles, large size; in Man & Simmons case. Return to Messenger office.

LOST—in Decatur, fountain pen with initials A L F on band. Return to Messenger office for reward.

LOST—Small Shriner pin. Leave at Messenger office.

LOST—Cameo from lavallier; figure of woman's head; lost in Decatur. Reward for return to TURNER SMITH.

Wanted

DRESS-MAKING—Mrs. H. S. Cunningham would be glad to meet ladies of Decatur in the capacity of their dress-maker. Work guaranteed, prices very reasonable. Apartments at Mrs. W. W. Williams. Call or phone 58.

WANTED—A live wire agent to handle METZ automobiles in Wise county. The lowest priced touring car on the market. A money-making proposition for the right party. Address, M. M. COOKE, Gen'l Agent, Wichita Falls, Texas.

FOR LOANS of over one thousand dollars, on good farms at 8 per cent interest, see E. T. Brown of Decatur, Texas, or address LOCK BOX 202, Fort Worth, Texas.

Money to loan on farms, \$500.00 up. Apply in time. J. W. BAILEY. (99)

For Sale

FOR SALE—Registered Poland China pigs. M. GREGG, Rt. 2, Decatur. (5)

FOR SALE—Good colt; one sow, cheap. Apply at this office.

FOR SALE—Pair 3-year-old mare mules; broke, gentle. J. C. DUNAWAY. (98-01)

FOR SALE or trade—90 acre farm; new improvements; good water; 45 acres cultivated. Will take young stock first payment. R. N. ROGERS, Decatur, Texas. (2)

FOR SALE—Two small sandy land farms, 1 second-hand 5-passenger Ford car in first-class condition. Mules and horses. Will sell on easy terms. Can use same stock on farms or Ford car. HELM, WARD & DILLHAY. (11)

A FEW warhorse stags for sale. Write me for prices. C. E. WALL, Route 2, Decatur, Texas. (98)

FARMS and grazing lands for sale near Decatur. Low rate of interest on deferred payments. H. H. HALL-SELL. (11)

FOR SALE—Genuine red oats, free of Johnson grass, 50c per bushel. JIM MCCASKEY, JR., at his place.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—CHEAP—157 acres 3 from Decatur; 6-room house; orchard; good grain farm. Owner, J. L. CAMPBELL, Decatur, Texas.

FOR TRADE—3-room house; two lots for team of mules. O. C. KIMBLE, Decatur, Texas. (98)

FOR TRADE or Exchange—80 acres of land 9 miles southwest of Wadsworth, Okla. First-class improvements, perfect title, practically all tillable; will trade for automobile and difference, if any. Address care office.

FOR SALE—Full set of carpenters' tools and tool box; all in good condition; cheap. MRS. IDRIS CUNDIFF, Decatur.

PIANO BARGAIN—We have for sale in the vicinity of Decatur a beautiful, new, standard make piano with scarf and stool to match. Will give some a bargain on this rather than ship back to Fort Worth. For particulars address Ross & Hoyer Co., Fort Worth, Texas. (11-12)

FOR SALE—One Colt, cheap. L. H. REEVES.

FOUND—Bunch of keys in South Decatur yesterday. Owner may get them at this office by paying for this notice.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed assignee of the estate of J. E. Neel of Boyd, Texas, who made a general assignment for the benefit of all creditors, as provided by the revised statutes. All parties having claims against the estate and desiring to accept under the assignment are hereby notified to file proper and verified claims with the undersigned, and all claims approved by assignee will share in the prorata distribution of payments from the proceeds of said estate. L. W. RENSCHAW, Assignee, Rhome, Texas. (05)

Diplomatic.
Mrs. Exe—Does your husband ever refuse you when you ask him for a little money? Mrs. Wye—I never ask him for a little money. I ask him for a lot, and what I get is a little.—Boston Transcript.

Our Jitney Offer—This and 5c
Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, enclose with five cents to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup. Foley Kidney Pills, and Foley Catarrh Tablets. Hill Drug Co.

Nominations

Messenger's Automobile Contest

Go to Work for Your Favorite

First Count Standing, Nov. 3, 1915

Miss Velma Neel, Boyd.....	72,400 votes
Mrs. Turner Smith, Decatur.....	66,500 votes
Miss Maud Hogg, Decatur.....	53,950 votes
Miss Helen Smith, Decatur.....	43,200 votes
Miss Estelle Nobles, Decatur.....	43,100 votes
Miss Ruby Bennett, Decatur.....	39,150 votes
Miss Laura Almanroad, Decatur.....	35,300 votes
Miss Bernice McCracken, Decatur.....	30,700 votes
Miss Isabel Best, Greenwood.....	30,250 votes
Miss Ada Brady, Decatur.....	29,300 votes
Miss Annie Barnett, Paradise.....	25,100 votes
Miss Berta Weatherby, Decatur.....	23,150 votes
Miss Esther Gregg, Decatur.....	22,000 votes
Mrs. C. W. Crawford, Decatur.....	2,800 votes
Walter Spencer, Decatur.....	2,600 votes
Miss Thelma Williams, Decatur.....	1,250 votes
Miss Eather Stark, Decatur.....	1,050 votes
Miss Gertrude Watson, Slidell.....	1,000 votes
Miss Cicely Moore, Decatur.....	1,000 votes
Miss Vivian Foxall, Decatur.....	1,000 votes
Miss Ardena Conley, Alvord.....	1,000 votes
Miss Della Lewis, Park Springs.....	1,000 votes
Albert Walker, Decatur.....	1,000 votes
Miss Artie Brown, Park Springs.....	1,000 votes
Miss Nora McCurdy, Rhome.....	1000 votes

Dr. J. V. Prunty

DENTIST

Parlors over Bellah & Sons

Recommended for Croup
W. C. Allen, Bosely, Mo., says: "I have raised a family of four children and used Foley's Honey and Tar with all of them. I find it the best cough and croup medicine I ever used. I used it for eight or ten years and can recommend it for croup." Same satisfactory results for coughs and colds. Hill Drug Co.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1896.
(Seal)
A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.
F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.
Sold by all Druggists, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Messenger will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publishers.

The Messenger will give \$5.00 in Gold to the Contestant bringing in the greatest number of Subscription Votes before the Next Count on Thursday, December 23

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

For County Assessor

D. A. (Doc) SHOWN.

Patronize Messenger advertisers.

Cupid carries a bow and arrow because he has no conveniences for carrying a gun.

The president's message is splendid, indeed; considering the time, the place, and the man—at this particular season.

"Howdy pard; God bless you," exclaimed Pat O'Keefe as he shook the president's good right hand. Yet, St. Louis got the convention.

Jim Ferguson says Carranza is well equipped to bring peace, plenty and prosperity to Mexico. There are thousands of Texans who doubt Jim's ability as judge.

The Germans say Henry Ford's mission is a joke. Probably so; but when they learn about the auto maker's lengthy bank account, considerable importance will be attached to his movements.

St. Louis was selected as the convention city over Dallas and Chicago. The committee was bamboozled into supporting the Smokey City by men like Champ Clark, Stone, Harry Hawes and Frances. Against this bunch Texas had Mayor Lindsley, Pat O'Keefe, Gov. Jim and Dick Wifrey. So, there you are.

The article in today's Messenger from our good friend, Mr. J. E. Boyd, is worth reading: in fact, it carries a world of truth, and should be considered by all thinking people—people who think rightly. Mr. Boyd is a good writer and we have always found him on the side of right. He stands and champions those things that make for the biggest and best in this life. We take pleasure in publishing his contributions.

The Motley County News is very pointed in its remarks about the fellows who refuse to pay up their subscriptions. Let 'em alone, Bob; the devil will do a plenty to 'em when the sombre curtain has been drawn about their couch and their souls take up the journey. From on high some sweet day, you will have the exquisite pleasure of looking down upon the miserable creatures. Be patient, Bob.

Our congressman, who is Mr. John H. Stephens of Vernon, is out in a statement that is calculated to knock the stuffin' out of the preparedness program. The capitol building quivered and Washington's monument shook to its granite foundation; the brilliancy of the dome on the library building was dimmed and the poetical Potomac went wild and overran the lowlands—when "Honest John," our congressman of the Indian claims committee, arose in his might and unbuckled this. "Let us trace the preparedness program to its source."

Rev. G. A. Lehnhoff was appointed pastor of the First Methodist church at Bonham, one of the most important charges in the conference district. This man should have remained in Decatur another year, and in the opinion of a great number of the local church's membership, Bishop McCoy and his advisers were "too hasty" in recognizing the man's bigness. That this charge was not in keeping with Rev. Lehnhoff's training and qualifications as a pastor, was well known to our people, but they held to the idea that the bishop and his advisers were not aware of the fact. Anyway, here's hoping and believing, too, that Rev. Lehnhoff will some day be a bishop.

Bradstreet's is authority for the statement that only three per cent of men who go into business for themselves are successful. It is safe to assume that the proportion of successes in other fields, art, music, authorship, politics, social work, etc., is as small. The failures are made so through fear. Fear of consequences, fear of the future, fear that we cannot finish successfully what we begin, fear of our opponent, unnecessary, illogical fear stands between us and success, and with an apparently impassable arm bars our progress. Those whom fear rules we call "fear men," because they are not really men at all, but men requiring a classification—an apology. There has hardly been a time in American history when men were called on more to overcome their fear than at the present time. Moral strength is needed in politics more than ever before, and moral strength is far superior to physical strength as the spiritual is above the natural. It is told of Wellington that before the battle of Waterloo his knees shook so that he laughed and called attention to them saying, "If they knew where I was going to carry them they would shake much worse." That was moral courage overcoming physical fear, and this is the courage that men must have now if America is to go onward and upward. We must have moral courage to overcome the selfish persuasion of the politician who seeks his own advancement regardless of the public good. Courage is needed to overcome the fear that organizations and societies and leagues cause by their tactics of force and threats in their efforts to enforce morality by law. Moral courage is necessary to make men follow the dictates of their own conscience, regardless of the arguments of politicians, ministers, leagues or individuals. The time has come for American men to throw off the fetters of fear—to come out boldly for what they believe, to refuse to follow the selfish, money-grasping politician or organization and to stand strongly for progress, liberty, decency and social liberty.

D. A. (Doc) Shown of the Bridgeport country, announces this week as candidate for tax assessor of Wise county. He is a native of this county, having been born and growing to man's estate in and around Bridgeport. He is well qualified for the office, has never before asked for public preferment, and if elected will give his best energies to faithfully discharge the obligations coming to him as an officer. Mr. Shown is a man of pleasing address and recognized ability—a true product of splendid manhood of Wise county. He will appreciate your vote.

Services at Baptist Church

There were two hundred and twenty-eight in Sunday School. All the members of the school, and especially the children, are urged to be present next Sunday and arrange for the Christmas tree and exercises. A large congregation was present at the morning service and a crowded house at night. The pastor preached on "The Larger Life" at the morning service, and on "The Savior's Lamentation Over Jerusalem" at the night service. Considerable interest is being shown by the general public in the "Home Span Sermons" each Sunday evening. The pastor will have some pointed things to say on a very vital matter next Sunday night. All services next Sunday as usual, with good singing and plain gospel preaching. You are invited.

HARLAN J. MATTHEWS, Pastor.

Capt. Blythe is giving the Majestic patrons splendid programs, and is always particular to keep his service up to the highest standard. Traveling men say Decatur has as good pictures as they see in the large cities.



(Conducted by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.)

PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

One of the pro-saloon arguments in high license states is that the liquor traffic helps maintain the public schools. A Nebraska newspaper fittingly replies thus: "Yes, that is true, but it does more than that. It maintains a school system of its own. While the little boys are being gathered into the public schools where they are trained to read, to write and to think, the young men are being gathered into the private schools of the liquor traffic, the saloons, where they are trained to swear, to tell lewd stories and to drink."

"The public school takes the boy, builds up his intellect and trends him towards high character and good habits. The private school of the liquor traffic, the saloon, takes that boy when he is a little older, debauches his intellect and trends him toward low character and bad habits."

A NATION'S RIGHT.

Professor Guglielmo, the noted Italian historian, predicts a "world-wide temperance movement as an outcome of the great world war." He says that hereafter no nation can afford to consider the prosperity of distillers and brewers above the welfare of the people. "Has not the state," he inquires, "the right and the duty to ask each citizen to sacrifice his goods and his life to save his nation from a foreign aggression against its glory, power, liberty or riches? And has it not the right to demand the renunciation of a few minutes of unhealthy, torpid joy to regenerate the citizen's health and save himself and future generations all the misfortunes of which drunkenness is the mother?"

ABOUT ALCOHOL.

This from the Technical World: "Emperors, business men, social reformers, are all agreed upon one thing: Alcoholic drinks work positive harm. A single glass of beer lessens a man's efficiency 7 per cent. Imagine then what larger quantities of wine, gin or whisky will do. The up-to-date employer will not keep men who drink even in moderation. The secretary of the navy will not allow them on our warships. 'Every commander in the field today in Europe is leading a sober army. Everywhere the brains of the world recognize that alcoholic liquors weaken both muscle and mind power.'"

MADNESS AND SANITY.

"In years to come, when we read the history of this decade," says the Kansas City Star, "the red streak caused by the upheaval in Europe may be no broader than the white one which will represent the world's severing of polite relations with John Barleycorn. If the military madness of Europe does result in the liquor sanity of the world, the war may be hailed as the greatest blessing to mankind since the advent of Christianity."

A BAD MIXTURE.

"I know from experience that whisky and ammunition mixed make trouble," said ex-Governor Oswald West of Oregon in explanation of his action in closing the Copperfield saloons more than a year ago. "I learned that a large number of persons in Copperfield were going armed. I did not want to take any chances of anybody getting killed, so I put the town under martial law and confiscated the whisky."

ALCOHOL AND ACCIDENTS.

From 7 to 43 per cent of accidents are due directly or indirectly to drink, according to estimates of medical directors of three United States life insurance companies. Railroad accidents, 7 per cent; street cars, 8 per cent; automobile, 10 per cent; vehicles and horses, 8 per cent; heat and sunstroke, 43 per cent; machinery, 7 per cent; mines and quarries, 8 per cent; drowning, 13 per cent; gunshot, 19 per cent.

ESSENTIAL FOR SAFE CONDUCT.

The Boston Elevated Railway company, which was the recipient of a gold medal this year from the American Museum of Safety for the excellency of the methods used by it in promoting the safety and health of all employees, requires that "all men engaged in the car and train service must be free from the liquor habit as absolutely essential for the safe conduct of the business."

DÉPRESSES INTELLECT.

One-half of one bottle of wine or two to four glasses of beer a day depress every form of intellectual activity.—Prof. J. J. Abel, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

GOING TO CLOSE THEM.

Dr. William G. Shaw, general secretary of the United Society for Christian Endeavor, had just finished an appeal for missions at one of the meetings of the great convention in Chicago, when a white-faced woman in the audience arose and, pointing a shaking finger at the chairman, cried: "Close the saloons and I'll have some money to give." "Amen!" shouted Doctor Shaw. "We'll close the saloons; we're going to close the doors of every grogshop in Christendom."

MONDAY December 20

Our Christmas Savings Club for 1916 Will Open for Enrollment

There will be no restrictions. Old and young will be welcomed. Everyone in the family may become a member. We extend a broad invitation to all to participate in this pleasant and easy plan for providing

Funds for Christmas

Members starting with 5 cents and increasing five cents each week for 50 weeks, get \$63.75;	Members starting with 2 cents and increasing two cents each week for 50 weeks, get \$25.50	Members starting with one cent and increasing 1 cent each week for 50 weeks, get \$12.75	Members paying twenty five cents a week fixed, for fifty weeks, get \$12.50
Members starting with \$2.50 and decreasing each week for 50 weeks, get \$63.75	Members starting with \$1.00 and decreasing two cents each week, for 50 weeks, get \$25.50	Members starting with fifty cents and decreasing 1 cent each week for 50 weeks, get \$12.75	Members paying \$1.00 a week fixed, for fifty wks get \$50.00

Be one of the First on the List. Start when the Club starts. Get your friends to start with you. It costs you nothing to join. All you have to do to become a member is to make the first payment. You may join as many classes as you desire.

CITY NATIONAL BANK

DECATUR, TEXAS

Capital and Surplus - - \$110,000

Messenger Coupon.

GOOD FOR 100 VOTES

In Wise County Messenger Automobile Contest

For

This coupon is void after Friday, Dec. 17, 1915. Vote it now



Helm, Ward & Dillehay
Automobiles

N. E. Cor. Square



Sleeve-Valve Motor

Call on us for a Free demonstration

For Sale

1 good carriage, cheap. On next first Monday will sell about 20 unbroken 3-year-old mares and horses a \$30 to \$35. Grazing and farming land for sale cheap. H. H. HALSELL.

Timely Hint on Over-eating

Big dinners cause disturbed digestions. The stomach and bowels should not be clogged with undigested poisonous waste matter. Foley Cathartic Tablets relieve distress after eating, stop belching, banish bloating and gas on stomach, regulate the bowels, sweeten the stomach and tone up the system. Hill Drug Co.

Veterinary Notice

Dr. Funchess is attending lectures in the Southwestern Veterinary college at Dallas but will be in Decatur first Monday in each month and on Saturday before first Monday for the purpose of treating all domestic animals. Don't forget the date and bring your stock to town on those dates. Thanking all my patrons for their business in the past and their business in the future,

Respectfully,
C. FUNCHES, V.

Have you donated a book to the Boy Scout library? The book is

365 Copies

One every day is the number you now receive with a year's subscription to

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the popular growing newspaper, which has the largest mailing list of readers in the state. The regular price is \$6.00 a year, but

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Latest News First

And in addition to the complete daily issue, with its many excellent features you get the big Sunday copy, with its magazine-color section. A paper of unusual interest to every member of the family.

Call at This Office

And we will send your order for \$3.25 and save you the bother. Don't forget the Annual "Bargain Days" date is between—

DECEMBER 1 to 15 Only

Bring or send your Star-Telegram Subscriptions to Mr. Decatur

A QUICK BUSINESS SALE!

TO THE BUYING PUBLIC:

Our buyer has just returned from the Eastern Markets, where he has been attending the big sales put on by some of the largest Wholesale Merchants in the United States. He did not confine his purchases to any one house, but hopped here and there, selecting the very merchandise suitable for the people of Decatur and Wise county, at a great reduction in price and in many instances below the manufacturers' cost. The above statement would not be worth one penny to you unless we gave you a chance to share with us in this Big Bargain Event. That is exactly what we are going to do. **READ THIS AND TAKE NOTICE!**

On Saturday, December 11th, at 9 a. m.

We are going to throw open our doors and start one of the biggest sales The Store For All the People has ever given you. This is putting it up to you pretty strong, yet it is true. With our enormous stock of merchandise bought for cash and at prices as low as can be secured by any store in Decatur or Wise county, together with the large shipments of merchandise bought during the big sales under market value, we are in a position to save you money on every purchase you make of us.

THIS IS STRICTLY A CASH SALE

We propose to give absolute and complete satisfaction from start to finish. No misrepresentations, exaggerated prices or price-juggling will be tolerated by us. We give you here just a few of the many bargains we have in store for you.

Men's Fall and Winter Clothing

We have a big line of Men's Suits that are absolutely correct in style and fabric that we are going to cut deep with the Bargain Knife. Come and take advantage of these prices. We have your number; but can't hold it for you very long. You must be here to claim it.

\$10.00 Men's Suits for	\$6.85
\$12.50 Men's Suits for	\$8.98
\$15.00 Men's Suits for	\$11.75

We want you to get in on this, so be here on time.

We also have one lot of Odd Suits in broken sizes at a Clean-up Price. Our entire line of Overcoats go in this sale. See our prices.

Boys' Clothing

We have a beautiful assortment of Boys' Clothing and we are going to place them on sale at almost Wholesale prices. Bring the boy in and dress him up with a brand new Bellah Suit for the Holidays. All of these Suits are nifty Norfolk styles and we are sure they will please you. We have one lot of Boys Plain Suits to close at a price.

Men's Pants

We have a big assortment of Men's Pants in a variety of shades and fabrics. We have them in the light and medium weight woollens for dress up occasions, or the real heavy suitable woollens for out of door wear. We place them in this Quick Business Sale at a big reduction.

\$5.50 and \$6.00 men's pants for	\$4.98
\$5.00 men's pants for	\$3.98
\$4.00 and \$4.50 men's pants for	\$3.50
\$3.50 men's pants for	\$2.98
\$3.00 men's pants for	\$2.48
\$2.50 men's pants for	\$1.98

Boys' Pants

We have about 150 pairs of Boys' Knee Pants made up in the latest styles—strictly first-class fabrics that we are going to place in this sale at genuine bargains. Come and look them over.

GRAND FALL AND WINTER BARGAIN FEAST

FREE! \$5 Worth of Merchandise FREE!

According to our custom, we will give the First Five Ladies making a purchase of 50 cents worth or more in our store Saturday morning a ticket calling for \$1.00 worth of any merchandise in the house, Free. Be here at 9 a. m. If you don't get the ticket yourself, you will have that much fun watching the others.

Staples! Staples!

We haven't the space to quote many prices, but every article in our \$25,000.00 stock is reduced and we can save you good money, even on your staples. We bought a big lot of staples along with the other merchandise while we were attending the sales in the East at below the market value and we intend giving you the benefit of it.

10-4 pepperell sheeting, bleached, at only	25c
10-4 pepperell sheeting, unbleached, at only	23c
9-4 pepperell sheeting, bleached, at only	23c
42 in. pillow tubing at only	11c
Good quality bleached domestic at only	5c
LL brown domestic at only	5c
Hope domestic, worth 10c yard, at	12 yards for \$1.00
Good as Gold Domestic, worth 10c yd., at only per yd ..	8 1/2 c
10c grade outing, light and dark colors, at only per yard ..	9c
Our 10c cotton flannel, extra value, at only per yard	9c
Our 12 1-2c cotton flannel, extra value, at only per yard ..	10c
Fancy bed ticking, regular 25c quality, at per yard	19c
Our regular 10c gingham, best quality, at per yard	8 1-2 c
Apron check gingham, at only per yard	5c
Unbleached towels, extra heavy, 45 in. long, regular 50c quality, in this sale at	3 pairs for \$1.00

Blankets and Comforts

Our brand new line of Blankets and Comforts will go in this sale at a big sacrifice. Get ready for the cold weather which is sure to come.

Men's Underwear

Now is the time for you to supply your needs in the way of good warm Underwear, when you can get them at almost wholesale prices.

50c men's fleece lined undershirts and drawers at	43c
50c men's ribbed undershirts and drawers at	43c

Big reduction on all Woolen Underwear

Ladies' Dresses

We have a big line of Ladies' Dresses in the wool, taffetas and me#saline—all this season's goods in a variety of shades that go in this sale at almost one-half.

All \$12.50 dresses at only	\$7.48
All \$10.00 dresses at only	\$6.98
All \$8.50 and \$9.00 dresses at only	\$5.98
All \$7.50 dresses at only	\$4.48

Make this department a visit if you are in need of a dress and you will not regret it.

Ladies' Cloaks and Suits

All of our Ladies' Cloaks and Suits will go in this sale at a price that will make them go. It has always been our custom to clean up on ladies' ready-to-wear and have a fresh new stock every season. With this in view, we are going to make a price on all of our Ladies' Cloaks and Suits that will make them go.

Extra Special

We are going to place in this sale our entire line of Ladies' Dress Goods—this season's materials, all the latest shades and fabrics—at a big reduction. Don't fail to visit this department, for we are sure you will be pleased.

We will swing back the big gates and throw the brilliant bargain bins open with a rapid unloading sale that is positively beyond all question one of the biggest, most astounding and magnanimous bargain battle ever held in Decatur. Remember the date and place—

SALE OPENS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11th, AT 9 A. M.

Remember, this is strictly a Cash Sale. Come to Decatur and make us a visit and get acquainted with the people that sell nothing but good, honest, dependable merchandise at a price that is right.

BELLAH and SONS CO.

THE STORE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE

Winter is Coming

and now is the time to buy

FURNITURE

Come and see our stock of Beds, Rockers, Kitchen Cabinets, Davenports, Linoleum, Rugs, Stoves

House-Keeping Lines A Specialty

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News of Town and County

Otto Lambert, for the past year with the Man & Simmons drug store, has resigned his position with that firm and is now with the Ball-Christian Furniture Co. This young man is popular, industrious and courteous. He "made good" as a drug clerk and the Messenwer has no hesitancy in saying he will round to rapidly as a dispenser of furniture, coffins, etc.

The criminal docket in the district court will be called Dec. 20. The following cases are on the docket: L. D. Arensman, charged with arson is called for 21; E. T. Brown, charged with pursuing the occupation of selling intoxicating liquors in prohibition territory is set 20; J. W. Hudson, charged with swindling, set for 23; Arnold Young, burglary, 24; George Padier, bigamy, 24; Chester Sears, forgery, 24.

See the agent for the Rider Manufacturing Co. for particulars concerning a position. Call at Decatur hotel Dec. 11, or Beeson hotel at Bridgeport, Dec. 10.

N. M. (Uncle Gum) Thompson died at his home in the Thomas community near Bridgeport, on Thursday night of last week. Uncle Gum moved to this county forty two years ago from North Carolina, and has since been a prominent character in western part of the county. He was of our sturdiest pioneers, a man who left his impress upon the community where he so long resided. He was well known over the county, and had many warm friends.

Remember we are giving away absolutely free of charge an extra pant with each order. Over three hundred patterns to select from. Come and investigate. Smith & Hardwick.

What promises to be one of the most enjoyable occasions ever staged in Decatur will be the "Box Supper" at the high school auditorium on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 18. The ladies are requested to bring boxes of edibles and the men folks are expected to come with full-grown desires to bid and eat. The rules that have heretofore governed such entertainments will be in effect. Good music will be on the program, and as a grand closing for the entertainment an old time spelling bee will be staged. Admission is absolutely free to all. The proceeds will go toward paying the expense incurred in having the beautiful stage furnishings put in. Go, bid, eat and spell.

Cashier Warren Lillard of the City National bank, spent several days in Fort Worth.

Alf Brown has returned from a visit in the panhandle country.

Guinn Williams was in Ft. Worth on business yesterday.

Mrs. E. P. Gibson has returned from a visit to Bowie.

No Italian Anthem.

Musicians will doubtless wish to add an Italian national anthem to their repertoire. They cannot find it. Italy has many patriotic songs, as the "Royal March" and "Garibaldi's Hymn," but no recognized national anthem, though the last-named song has almost come to the supremacy. In this respect Italy is at the same disadvantage as Turkey. After the revolution the Young Turks offered a prize for a national anthem, but so far the poet of patriotism has not come forward to claim it.

Backache

Miss Myrtle Cothrum, of Russellville, Ala., says: "For nearly a year, I suffered with terrible backache, pains in my limbs, and my head ached nearly all the time. Our family doctor treated me, but only gave me temporary relief. I was certainly in bad health. My school teacher advised me to

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I took two bottles, in all, and was cured. I shall always praise Cardui to sick and suffering women." If you suffer from pains peculiar to weak women, such as headache, backache, or other symptoms of womanly trouble, or if you merely need a tonic for that tired, nervous, worn-out feeling, try Cardui. E-65

Strong and Well as Ever

Fred Smith, Green Bay, Wis., says: Foley Kidney Pills completely relieved me of all soreness and pain in the back and I now am strong and well as ever." Cold weather makes aching joints, sore muscles and irregular bladder action more unbearable. Foley Kidney Pills help the

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Infected Soldiers Are Bathed in and Clothing Sprinkled With Loud-Smelling Cologne.

Cheap, highly scented perfumery has been found to be the greatest enemy of the typhus insect. Instead of being washed with soap and water and having their clothes sterilized, soldiers infected with the typhus insect are now bathed in cheap cologne and their clothing is sprinkled with the same highly odoriferous perfume. It has been found very efficacious, especially when the soldier is first attacked with the vermin.

In regard to the recent circular of the German imperial board of health, advocating the use of a preparation containing sabadilla vinegar in exterminating the typhus vermin, Andrew Balfour of the Wellcome Bureau of Scientific Research, London, calls attention to some statistics from Venezuela on the exports from that country of sabadilla.

In 1913, 258 tons of sabadilla seed were shipped from La Guaira to Germany, the shipments in former years averaging something over 100 tons annually. A little of the seed had been shipped to the United States, but none to England. Mr. Balfour considers this another proof of German preparation for the "great day."

J. BARLEYCORN, BAD DRIVER

His Hands Shake, His Knees Wobble and His Conscience is More Than Half Asleep.

John Barleycorn is a bad chauffeur. His hand shakes, his knees wobble, his eyesight is poor and his conscience half asleep. And anyone who permits this reckless driver to sit at the wheel of a motor car is a menace to life.

That is why little sympathy is felt for the Baltimore man just sentenced to two years in the penitentiary because, while intoxicated, he ran down and killed a woman. And if this convict fancies himself the victim of a great injustice, he should compare his fate with that of the woman whose neck his carelessness broke.

One does not have to be intoxicated to deserve prison for reckless driving. Nor does one have to be rich, as the Baltimore man is. Indeed, the plight of this man should have an equally sobering effect upon all careless drivers, tipplers, teetotalers, plutocrats and poor.

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SYLVIA'S TWO LETTERS

By DONALD ALLEN.

From the depths of a broken heart Sylvia wrote to her dearest friend: "I must tell you first of all, Madge, that I have parted from Robert—for ever! I cannot be true to myself and carry a man who believes me false. I would rather go unloved to the grave than be the slave of a jealous man. And although I confess that I never love again—that I shall never love him—I shall not marry Robert Lorson. I am sending back his ring tonight. You need not finish your pink chiffon. I shall not need any bridesmaids—ever. Do come to visit me and cheer your broken-hearted Sylvia."

Sylvia wiped her eyes and wrote another letter—a very short one: "Dear Mr. Lorson—You understand why I am returning your ring."

"Yours sincerely,
"SYLVIA MOORE."

Madge Fenton read her letter with wide-open eyes.

Robert Lorson read his with slowly whitening face. With compressed lips he laid it down and stared at it for a long time.

The box containing the engagement ring he tossed into a drawer of his desk.

"Sylvia," said her married sister one day, "what has become of Bob?"

"Really," said Sylvia indifferently, "I haven't the slightest idea."

Mrs. Jameson stared at her. "What has happened? You have quarreled?" she asked quickly.

"We are no longer engaged," explained Sylvia. "You see, Lisa, Bob is terribly jealous—he was frightfully angry because I talked so much to that delightful Mr. Enright, the novelist. He was actually rude to me."

"You were flirting," accused Lisa, bluntly.

"Not at all," flared Sylvia, hotly.

"Then you really meant all you looked at Mr. Enright?" asked the older woman slowly.

"Well—" Sylvia's voice broke.

"Every one was talking, and I'm not a bit surprised that Bob was angry. But as long as you don't care—if the broken engagement is a welcome relief to you, dearie, I am glad for your sake." Lisa bent and kissed her sister and walked toward the door.

"By the way, dear, I had a glimpse of Bob this afternoon—he was having tea at Berry's—with Madge Fenton." She vanished.

"Madge Fenton!" Sylvia's voice wavered into a little sob. She was her dearest friend, and Sylvia knew that if there was one other girl in the world who fancied Bob Lorson it was Madge Fenton. And now Madge, taking advantage of Sylvia's confidence, was making herself agreeable to Bob.

A few days later, while scanning the morning paper, Sylvia read a marriage notice—Robert Lorson and Madge Fenton had been married quietly the day before and were sailing at once for a voyage around the world.

Sylvia, with face aflame and a heart of ice, laughed at her own reflection in the mirror.

"Liar! Coward! Cheat!" she muttered herself.

Robert Lorson came back to America alone. His bride was resting in an unknown grave in some Alpine crevasse.

Long months afterward Sylvia met him riding in the park. The scene of their meeting was a sheltered bridlepath. Both drew rein.

Then Robert poured out his heart to her and asked her to marry him. He had never ceased to love her, he confessed. He did not attempt to excuse his hasty marriage to Madge Fenton; that explained itself.

"You will not want to marry me when I tell you all, Robert," said Sylvia gravely. Then she told him about the two letters she had sent.

"Of course I realized that you had made a mistake," he said eagerly. "As soon as I read the opening line and saw it was intended for Madge I re-folded it and sent it to her. I'll admit I was tempted to read all of it."

"And Madge exchanged letters with you?" asked Sylvia in a muffled tone.

He nodded. "She asked me to meet her at Berry's. We had tea together and exchanged letters."

"And so you didn't read the letter I wrote to Madge?"

"Certainly not—how could I?"

"I want to tell you what I wrote to her," went on Sylvia in a strained voice, and because the letter was written in fire on her memory she repeated it word for word.

"If I had read it all, darling, I would have come to you at once," he said tenderly. "I thought you didn't care."

"I am not worthy of you," she said brokenly. "I mixed up those letters intentionally. I sent Sylvia's to you because I was too proud to confess myself in the wrong, but I wanted you to know that I loved you in spite of all. I did not appreciate that you had a higher code of honor—that you would not read what was not intended for you. I have been punished for my weakness, Bob—and I do not blame you if you despair me," she sobbed.

His arms were about her.

"I want you more than ever, Sylvia," he said.

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HORSES AND MULES FOR WAR

Many Animals Not Particularly Needed on Farms Have Been Purchased by European Nations.

(By E. A. TROWBRIDGE, Missouri Experiment Station.)

The European nations now at war have purchased many Missouri horses and mules, which are not particularly needed. Of course, they have obtained some good animals, but many of them have not been of the best, and most of the mules bought were full aged. The older mules were bought because they could stand the trip across the Atlantic better than the younger ones. Some good cavalry horses were obtained.

A few horse dealers have predicted a high market price a short time after the close of the war. They are of the opinion that most of the horses now being purchased in this country will be killed, and that soldiers will need many animals on returning to their farms. I believe that the market will be good, but I do not predict any exceedingly high prices. This country will be able to supply any demands. A different situation might arise, if the war continues for more than a year.

Between 250,000 and 300,000 horses and 50,000 and 75,000 mules were contracted for in this country, and the loss of these animals to the United States only means the taking away of those produced between January 1, 1914, and January 1, 1915. With a similar increase during the present year, we would be able to supply a considerable number of horses and mules.

SUNLIGHT A GERM DESTROYER

Cheapest Disinfectant at Man's Disposal—Southern Exposure Is Desirable in Buildings.

Sunlight is nature's great germ destroyer. It is the cheapest disinfectant at man's disposal and should be taken advantage of at every opportunity.

"In the construction of barns or shelters of any kinds for animals," says H. Preston Hoskins of Minnesota College of Agriculture, in extension bulletin No. 44, "ample provision should be made for the admission of the maximum amount of sunlight. A southern exposure is desirable; that is, an arrangement by which most of the windows face south. The warmth thus provided in cold weather is desirable and much of the heat of summer can be avoided by the use of curtains or screens.

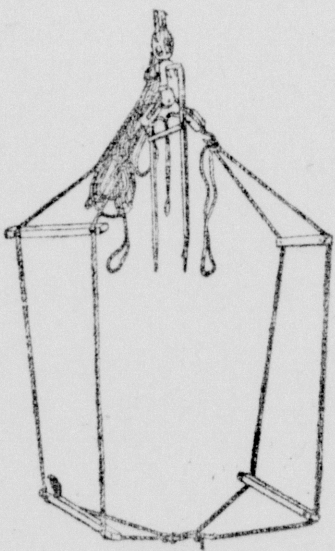
"Most disease germs are entirely killed by direct sunlight. This has been repeatedly shown by experiments."

The farmer should bear this in mind in building his barn, stable, hog house, or poultry house.

CHEAP SLING FOR HAYFORK

Advantages of Modern Devices Appreciated by Man Who Has Pitched Hay From Wagon to Mow.

The unloading of hay is now a comparatively easy task, made so by the use of machinery. Any man who has ever pitched hay from a wagon into a high mow will appreciate the advantages of the hayfork and sling. In one form of sling which is pretty generally used throughout the East, the sling is adjusted upon the hayrack and the hay loaded on without any particular care as to placing it. When the wagon reaches the barn as many drafts as can be taken off at



Sling Closed.

good forkfuls are elevated, then without removing the fork it is hooked to the sling attachment by the end pulleys, and pulled upon the free end of the rope will bundle and bind the balance of the load around the fork. The trip rope is unsnapped from the fork and attached to the swing.

The value of the sling is the saving of time in shaping the load with a hand fork for the last draft with the horse fork and cleaning up all the hay on the wagon.

These slings cost from \$2 to \$2.50 each.

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Waste of Posts.

Why throw away a well-seasoned, just-ready-to-use fence post, or stake, just because one end has rotted off in the ground? Reverse it and the chances are that it will last longer than it did the first time.

A MONTH TOO EARLY

By DEAN CARRUTHERS.

Cicely Meredith re-read the letter from the manager of the Pebble Beach hotel. It informed her that her application for a position as hotel stenographer had been accepted and that the salary would be sixty dollars a month with board.

"Please report for duty May 15," it ended.

The Pebbleton station was perched on a rise of ground and from it a road slanted down to the sea. There was a board walk along the beach and several great caravansaries lifted their bulk above the high-water mark.

"I want to go to the Pebble Beach hotel," explained Cicely to the station master. "Isn't there a stage or a cab to take me there?"

He shook his head.

"You can walk it easy, miss. It's that last hotel on your right. There, hear that thunder. You better wait here or run."

"I'll run," said Cicely as she scurried down the road.

She hated thunderstorms and so she fled before this one like a thing possessed of great fear. It was with shortened breath and throbbing heart that she reached the last hotel and ran up on the broad piazza.

A jagged flash of lightning streaked the gray sky to the horizon.

"Mercy!" panted Cicely, her hand on the front door knob. But it refused to yield to her touch, so she hurried around to the western wing of the hotel and discovered another door. The door was slightly ajar and she pushed it wide and then closed it.

She found herself in a small office, desolate and untenanted. The closed desks and the safe were covered with last year's dust. There was a curious feeling of loneliness about the place that frightened her.

"Is anyone here?" asked Cicely. But another crash of thunder shook the building. "Oh, dear!" she cried, in a panic of fear; "what shall I do?" While she quivered there, she heard another sound—a sound of footsteps echoing through empty rooms.

She opened one of the desk drawers and groped in its dark interior. Her fingers closed on something cold and hard. It was a revolver. A feeling of security stiffened her courage.

And then the door opened and closed again and another presence entered the hall.

The man stared at her in open-eyed amazement. He was young and trim with a dark, clean-cut face, fine eyes and a humorous mouth.

"I'll shoot!" she threatened in a small voice.

"Please don't," he said lightly.

Then she added menacingly, "It's loaded."

"Then don't point it at me," he said sternly. "Don't be frightened. I believe you're the very person I'm looking for. (Are you Miss Meredith?"

"Yes," said Cicely, lowering the gun.

"I'm Harry Charlson," he explained. "My father's been away from his office for a week and just returned this morning. On looking over his mail, he found your letter saying that you would report for duty here on the 15th of May. You are a month ahead of time and so father sent me down post haste to bring you back. The carpenters and cleaners are in charge at present and some of them are rather rough characters. We were worried about you."

"But," protested Cicely, "Mr. Charlson's letter distinctly stated May 15. Mother and I wondered about it." She took the letter from her bag and gave it to him.

"It's one on dad all right," he grinned. "He meant June 15. When I couldn't find you I supposed you'd discovered your mistake and gone home. I was going around by the station to inquire. I came down in my motor. Where were you hiding?"

Cicely explained her adventures during the last hour and then together they left the hotel, young Charlson locking the door carefully after them.

At the foot of the steps a great motor car was purring. "You will allow me to drive you back to town?" he asked.

"I really should take a train," explained Cicely. "We have given up our flat and mother is staying at my grandmother's in Lindenwood."

"Lindenwood? Oh, that's on the north side about opposite Pebbleton. We'll take the cross-island road and make it in a couple of hours."

During that two hours' ride across the rain-drenched island he told her that he expected to spend the summer in Europe. After that he was to take his father's place as manager of the Pebble Beach in summertime and of their Florida hotel in winter.

He left her at her grandmother's gate, and with a pressure of the hand he was gone. He motored over occasionally to give Cicely news of the progress of repairs at Pebbleton and one day he said he had decided to act as clerk at the Pebble Beach that summer.

"But I thought you were going to Europe," protested Cicely.

"That can wait," he said slowly. "A flush came into his dark face. 'I'll save it for a wedding trip—some day.'"

"Oh!" said Cicely and changed the subject; but his words rang in her ears. The memory of his look thrilled her heart; she only knew that the summer was to be a dream of joy if he was to spend it with her, and beyond the summer she would not look.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

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The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Wise County: Greeting:

J. B. Tate, guardian of the estate of Maggie Million and Charlie Million, minors, having filed in our county court his final account of the condition of the estate of said Maggie Million and Charlie Million, minor, numbered 1651, on the probate docket of Wise county, together with an application to be discharged from said guardianship. You are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper printed in the county of Wise, you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on or before the January term, 1916, of said county court, commencing and to be holden at the court house of said county, in the city of Decatur, on the first Monday in January, 1915, when said account and application will be acted upon by said court.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office in the city of Decatur, this 16th day of Nov. 1915. J. E. BOYD, Clerk County Court, Wise County. By Carl Faith, Deputy Clerk. A true copy I certify: J. Lee Mann, Sheriff Wise County. By W. L. Clark, Deputy Sheriff. (12-3)

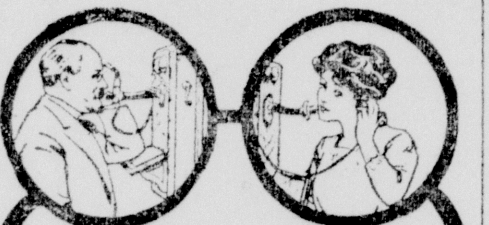
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The State of Texas. In the county court, January term, 1916. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Wise County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Wise, if there be a newspaper published in said county, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, for 4 weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon Gee, Miller & Company, a firm composed of W. L. Gee and W. S. Miller, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the county court, to be holden in and for the county of Wise, at the court house thereof, in Decatur, Tex., on the third day of January, 1916, file number being 2095, then and there to answer the petition of A. B. Conley, Jr., plaintiff, filed in said court on the 10th day of November, 1915, against the said Gee, Miller & Company, defendants, and alleging in substance as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff alleges that on or about the 15th day of July, 1914, at the special instance and request of the defendants sold and delivered to them at the several times specified, certain goods, wares and merchandise, in consideration whereof the defendants then and there promised plaintiff to pay him the several sums of money charged therefor, amounting to the sum of \$223.23 on demand, with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 1st day of January, 1915. Plaintiff alleges that said amount, \$223.23, is still due and unpaid and he prays for judgment for said sum, interest and costs.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Witness J. E. Boyd, Clerk of the County court of Wise county.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, in Decatur, this 10th day of November, 1915. J. E. BOYD, Clerk County Court, Wise County, Texas. By Carl Faith, Deputy. (12-3)



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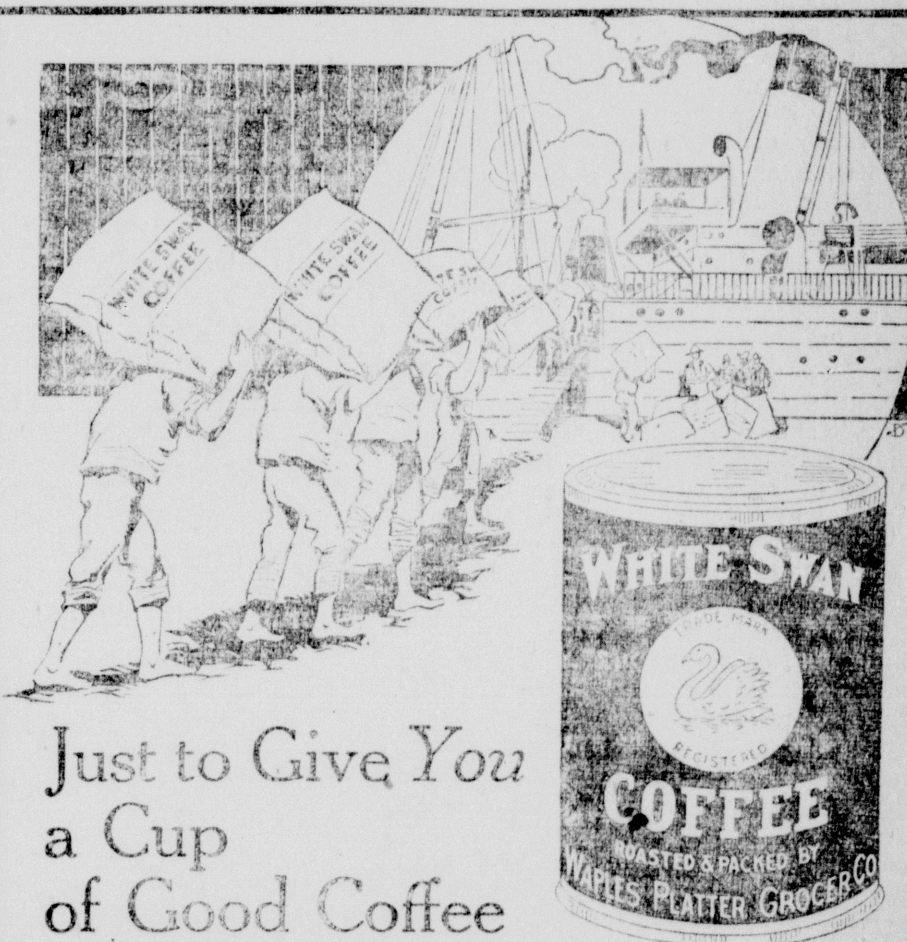
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FOR DAN'S DEAR SAKE

By ELINOR GATES.

Hildreth-Chesley was all agog over the charms, the wealth, the clothes of a newcomer, Mrs. Ruel Latran, who had taken the Farms under rather a long lease—Green Farms, to be exact, the show place of the colony. Who ever lived in it must have money, also social sponsors; also, beyond all, personality.

You see, Olney, who owned the Farms, although tired of the place, yet held it in a certain petulant regard, which made him exacting as to possible tenants.

The which is illuminating—both as to owner and new tenant. Olney had never seen her, but what he had heard from a mutual acquaintance so prepossessed him in her favor that his inquiries had not gone beyond her bank account.

The colony, of course, swarmed in welcome to her. That she was distinctly new was all in her favor. A vague haze of romance enshrouded her past.

No armor is so impenetrable as a casual frankness that scouts the name of secrets. Mrs. Latran was amazingly frank—even about her age. Twenty-nine she gave herself out to be, sighing that it was so near to thirty and waving away consoling speech that she hardly looked twenty-five. Further, she spoke of her college, of her native country, touching very lightly on the fact that she was the last of her race. Oddly, she did not think ever to mention the family name, but there was no tripping her, even if anybody had tried it, over country sights and sounds, and habits of mind.

It was even odder—women took to her amazingly. As Teeny Ware put it, she was the best sort of good fellow.

Olney, who came down in August, laughed over the saying. His coming was a surprise. Of course, he did not go to the Farms, but he did meet the mistress of it many times. Also, he studied her intently—a thing he had rarely done for any woman.

Notwithstanding, they got on admirably. She apparently ignored the challenge of his scrutiny and was gay and cordial as with all the rest. So there was really scant warrant for his saying to her at the end of a fortnight, "Madam, whatever the game is henceforth you must count me in."

"Not yet. It would spoil everything," she answered, and it was amazing what mirth and mockery danced over her eyes and mouth. "I dare not even let my whole self in," she ran on. "The experiment is as gorgeous as a soap bubble—and as easily broken."

"I won't break it," Olney answered, kindly. "Tell me by little. As, for instance, isn't Dan Langton the original first cause of it?"

"You are his best friend?" she parried.

Olney nodded, but said quickly: "I come next to you. No—he hasn't said so outright—but when he talked of you the very first time—I knew."

"So that's why you let me come here," she said, smiling and nodding. "And I have believed it was all my wonderful man of business. Say! What did he tell you?"

"Nothing—had no chance," Olney answered tranquilly. Then, dropping to a plaintive key: "Please remember I've a weak heart—can't stand this strain of curiosity. Tell me and I'll never tell anybody—but Dan."

"You mean—about the experiment?" she asked.

Olney smiled a "Yes." She went on quickly, as though fearing to lose courage: "The experiment is—to see if a bookmade woman can hold her own with—the other sort."

"Explain! This is all Sanskrit to me," Olney exploded.

She drew a deep breath and hurried on: "My mother was a cook, my father a day laborer. He died when I was five, and when I was fifteen my mother followed him. Then old Ruel Latran, for whom she had worked all my life, a cripple and blind, married me—to save me. He made a will giving me everything. For seven years I was eyes, hands, feet to him, never stirring from the house except for walks while he slept. I don't know how he got the notion, but he himself proposed correspondence courses to me. Also he let me have books and leisure, getting in a stout course so I might have more time. Almost his last words before the stroke were: 'Make yourself a lady so you'll do credit to the money.' I did my best—am doing it still."

"After I was free there was a period of travel. In course of it I met Dan. You know what he is—how high-strung, how almost finicky—yet in a week he was begging me to marry him. I would have done it gladly only for one thing—I loved him just as crazily, just as unreasonably as he loved me. I couldn't take the chance of making him ashamed of me—that is to say, of making him hate me. So I've come here among his own sort to try myself out. Tell me—what chance have I of winning?"

"No chance about it—it's a dead moral certainty!" Olney declared brusquely, getting up and shaking both her hands. Over his shoulder he added: "I'm going to call up Dan. Be ready to see us around twelve tomorrow. He's always said I should be his best man."

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